[24th January 1928

PRESENT—*cont.*

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Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Sastri, C.I.E., Mr. T. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Removal of the liquor shop near Karnikapuram.

*1342 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a liquor shop is located very close to Karnikapuram where the Bezwada Municipal Council has assigned plots of land for poor labourers to dwell on 99 years' leases on a nominal rent;

(*b*) whether the Municipal Council complained to the Government that the existence of the abkari shop there is a source of temptation to the poor labourers and is the cause of their social and economic ruin;

(*c*) whether the Abkari Commissioner, to whom the complaint was referred, refused to remove the shop therefrom; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to interfere in the matter and order the removal of the shop?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information other than that contained in a representation on the subject made by the hon. Member as Chairman of the Bezwada Municipal Council.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have not the information asked for.

(*d*) The Government know of no reason why the action suggested should be taken.